

CEDOVIP

CEDOVIP is a locally-run, Uganda-based nonprofit that establishes and helps run community-led programs focused on reducing violence throughout Kampala and northern Uganda, with ambitious plans to scale their work throughout the rest of the country.

Their annual demonstrated impact includes:

- Coordinating a Learning Center to provide more than 300 activists and practitioners with practical skills to effectively mobilize communities for violence prevention in collaboration with Raising Voices.
- Developing a handbook with protocols for the Ugandan police force to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls.
- Influencing parliamentary approval of the Domestic Violence Bill in Uganda.

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Key Strengths: Proximate leadership, Respect for Dignity, Systems strengthening

Multidimensional Poverty Index Indicators: Physical safety, Social connectedness, Psychological well-being, Assets, Empowerment

Other Key Outcomes: Violence against women and girls

Recent Expense Budget: US\$640,000

Year Founded: 2000

Spearheaded the enactment of the

**Ugandan
Domestic
Violence Act**
of 2010

52% reduction
in violence against women and girls

Active in
15 districts
within Uganda

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The problem:

Nearly one third of women and girls 15 years of age or older have experienced either physical or sexual violence globally, with 13% (10–16%) experiencing violence in any given year (Sardinha et al 2022). This figure, which excludes sexual harassment, female genital mutilation, trafficking of women and cyber-harassment, likely underestimates the extent of the problem since gender-based violence often goes unreported.

The consequences of violence against women and girls are far-reaching, if also difficult to quantify. We do know that violence against women is in the top 3-5 leading causes of death

for young women aged between 15 and 29 (Mendoza et al 2018) and directly results in 70,000 deaths a year, that women who experience have higher rates short-term and long-term physical and mental health illness, and that experiencing violence makes women less likely participate in the workforce and in public life.

Globally, the rates of violence against women and girls are both alarmingly high and have slightly increased over the last 30 years, despite gains in other areas of women's health, such as maternal care (Think Global Health). Further, there are certain countries and regions of the world (e.g. several Asian countries) that have seen significant increases in the rates of violence against women and girls over the last two decades (Borumandnia et al 2020).

Unfortunately, despite the growing health, economic and social consequences, there has been insufficient global attention and funding focused specifically on reducing the burden of violence against women and girls.





The solution:

High-quality studies have identified several specific interventions that are effective at preventing violence. In particular, community-based social empowerment programs that shift gender norms and attitudes have been demonstrated to be very effective from many randomized controlled trials – including Abramsky et al (2014), Dunkle et al (2020), Leight et al (2020), Wagman et al (2015), Ogum Alangea et al (2020), Le Roux et al (2020), and

Chatterji et al (2020). These programs can lead to 30–50% reductions in violence in communities, with effects that can persist for many years.

These community mobilization programs involve training community volunteers to become activists who can work with individuals, couples, communities and local governments to drive change in gender norms and attitudes. The programs are supported by evidence-based toolkits, frameworks, and technical assistance. They are also community driven and adapted to each local context.





How CEDOVIP works

CEDOVIP is a locally-led Ugandan based charity that aims to reduce violence throughout Uganda. Their community mobilization program SASA! has been especially effective. CEDOVIP, which predominantly operates in Kampala and Northern Uganda, aims to scale throughout the entire country. SASA! and its implementation by CEDOVIP have been validated through internal evaluations and several randomized controlled trials. In conjunction with implementing SASA!, CEDOVIP is involved in advocacy for law reform and implementation to strengthen policy and prevention efforts for VAWG, including both implementation of current laws and new policies. So far, CEDOVIP has supported nearly 200,000 women and trained nearly 200 groups in the SASA! program.

What makes CEDOVIP so effective

Cost-effectiveness

CEDOVIP is scaling the SASA! community mobilization program throughout Uganda efficiently and effectively; as a result, they are a highly cost-effective organization. We estimate that it costs them less than US\$10 to positively affect one woman or girl, and that for every US\$150, one woman lives a year of their life free from violence.

Counterfactual impact

Although the Ugandan government is supportive of CEDOVIP's work, it is unlikely to fund national or nonprofit programs working in this space. This makes the work of CEDOVIP particularly valuable, and means that violence prevention likely wouldn't happen without their direct work.

Locally led and sustainable

CEDOVIP is led entirely by local staff and volunteers.